

Amendment to the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently amended). A saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material comprising a resin impregnatable structure including a mixture dispersed therein of at least one fluoropolymer floc; [and] at least one wettable structural organic floc; and a binder wherein the binder is up to about 20% by weight of the saturable nonwoven material; and wherein the material has a basis weight of about 17 g/m² to about 810 g/m² and a thickness of about 0.02 mm to about 8.2 mm.

2 (Cancelled).

3 (Currently amended). The saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material of claim 1, wherein the fluoropolymer floc is at least about 30% by weight of the mixture.

4 (Currently amended). The saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material of claim 1, wherein the fluoropolymer floc comprises at least one perfluorinated polymer.

5 (Currently amended). The saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material of claim 1 [2], wherein the binder comprises at least one fibrous material.

6 (Currently amended). The saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material of claim 1 [2], wherein the binder comprises at least one aramid fibrid.

7 (Currently amended). The saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material of claim 1 [2], wherein the binder comprises a mixture of at least one aramid fibril and a resin.

8 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): A prepreg comprising the saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material of claim 1 and a matrix resin.

9 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): A self-lubricating bearing comprising the saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material of claim 1.

10 (Currently Amended). A saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material comprising a resin impregnatable structure comprising a mixture dispersed therein of about 40% to about 60% by weight of a fluoropolymer floc; [and] about 10% to about 40% by weight of a wettable structural organic floc; and a binder wherein the binder is up to about 20% by weight of the saturable nonwoven material; and wherein the material has a basis weight of about 17 g/m² to about 810 g/m² and a thickness of about 0.02 mm to about 8.2 mm.

11 (Currently amended). The saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material according to claim 10, [further] comprising about 10% to about 20% by weight of the [a] binder.

12 (Currently Amended). A saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material comprising a resin impregnatable structure including a mixture dispersed therein of about 40% to about 60% by weight of a fluoropolymer floc; [and] about 60% to about 40% by weight of a meta-aramid floc; and a binder wherein the binder is up to about 20% by weight of the saturable nonwoven material; and wherein the material has a basis weight of about 17 g/m² to about 810 g/m² and a thickness of about 0.02 mm to about 8.2 mm.

13 (Currently amended): A saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material comprising a resin impregnatable structure including a mixture

dispersed therein of about 45% by weight of a fluoropolymer floc; about 36% by weight of a meta-aramid floc; about 10% by weight of a meta-aramid fibril; and about 9% of a resin; and wherein the material has a basis weight of about 17 g/m² to about 810 g/m² and a thickness of about 0.02 mm to about 8.2 mm.

14 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): A process for making the saturable [, resin impregnatable,] nonwoven material of claim 1 comprising the steps of:

(a) [a.] delivering an aqueous dispersion of a mixture comprising wettable structural organic floc, fluoropolymer floc and [optionally] a binder onto a screen of a papermaking device;

(b) [b.] withdrawing water from the aqueous dispersion to leave a wet paper felt; and

(c) [c.] drying the wet paper felt.

15 (Withdrawn): The process according to claim 14, further comprising calendering the dried nonwoven material for further densification of the material.